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Applicants: Edward COCCIADIFERRO, et al.

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For : FILM UNWIND SYSTEM WITH HINGED SPINDLE  
AND ELECTRONIC CONTROL OF WEB TENSION

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action of November 25, 2005, please consider the remarks set forth below.

Applicants note with appreciation the confirmation of allowable subject matter in claims 6, 10, 47, 49, 51, 48, 51 to 53. However, for the reasons set forth below it is respectfully submitted that the rejected claims also stand in current condition for allowance.

In the Office Action, independent claim 1 and its dependents 2-5, 46 and 51-52 were rejected as being considered indefinite under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, on the basis that the phrase "said spindle moves along a horizontal plane in going from a position less easily accessible to one more easily accessible to an operator" was deemed indefinite and vague. It is respectfully submitted that the current language of claim 1 is in full accord with 35 USC 112, first paragraph.

The standard for determining whether claim terminology is in compliance with 35 USC 112, second paragraph, is whether those skilled in the art would understand the scope of the